

Case: Slobodan Medić *et al*
War Crimes Chamber
Belgrade District Court, Republic of Serbia
Case number: K.br. 6-05

Trial Chamber: Gordana Božilović-Petrović, Judge, Trial Chamber President, Vesko Krstajić, Judge, Trial Chamber Member, Vinka Beraha-Nikićević, Judge, Trial Chamber Member

Prosecutor: Bogdan Stanković

Accused: Slobodan Medić, Pera Petrašević, Aleksandar Medić, Aleksandar Vukov and Branislav Medić

Report: Nataša Kandić, Humanitarian Law Center (HLC) and Dragoljub Todorović, Attorney, victims representatives

20 June 2006

Examination of witness Damir Hovan

The witness joined the unit before it was deployed on the Trnovo front. He did this to avoid regular military service in Serbia, saying that at that time one could be exempted from serving in the army if one spent a brief spell at the front. Another reason for joining up was the pay. Before that, he fought around Brčko as a volunteer with Serbian forces in BiH.

The witness said he knew that Aleksandar Vukov was commander Slobodan Medić's deputy.

As to the unit's emblems, the witness said they wore the tricolour without the scorpion on their berets, and the tricolour on one sleeve and the scorpion on the other.

The witness strongly denied the assertion of the protected witness 'A' that both saw the act of the execution from a road along which they were walking from the command post to the frontline.

Victims' Legal Representative notes:

The hearing was attended by Hajra Ćatić, Rejha Avdić, Naza Hasanović, Refija Alić, Šefika Begić and Bahra Kandžetović from the Srebrenica Women's Association as well as by Nura Alispahić, mother of Azmir, and Safeta Muhić, sister of Safet.